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Editorial

Our present number of the Vox is the May-day number. May-day is the name given to the first day of the month in England, when, according to ancient custom, all ranks of people rose at early dawn and went "A-Maying" to welcome the advent of Spring. The customs of the day chiefly took their use with the Romans. In the southern countries of England they differ materially from those of the northern and western. That of gathering branches of trees and flowers to deck the person who is to be queen is still observed in many places. The May-Pole was once general throughout the country. The assemblage of the people, sanctioned by the presence of the priests, marched on May morning in procession to some neighboring wood, re-

turning in triumph with the pole, round which were suspended flowers, boughs, and other tokens of the spring season.

This custom of celebrating May-day is not followed very extensively in Canada, but for many years the students of the College have observed it, although instead of having it on the first day of May, they have chosen May the twenty-fourth, the birthday of one of the most glorious rulers—Queen Victoria.

Perhaps of all our festivals this is the nearest to our hearts, and the chosen May Queen ranks the day as a very proud and happy one in her life. The May-Pole dance never loses its charm, and the other little spring-like dances that accompany it give pleasure alike to

the spectator and the participants. Our visit to the woods is an afternoon visit instead of a sun-rise one, but none the less pleasant for that.

How We Can Fight.

BY JEREDYTH I. TAYLOR, O.L.C.

How can women help in this terrible crisis the world is now passing through? This question has often come up and though it may seem easy to decide upon, I think myself that there is no one who has just the same opinion.

Now, I am going to try to tell you what I think is often helpful and though you may widely differ, I hope you will give me your sympathy on some points.

To begin with, every time I see a recruiting sign, such as "Your King and Country Need You Now," or something similar, I immediately think that this applies not only to the men but to the women as well. Why? Well, for one thing, a woman has a great deal of influence in the home, and that influence may either be for good or for the bad. And again, if a woman says, "No, don't go; others can go, but you stay," a man, if such he may be called, who would listen to such a plea, is very likely to stop and "consider matters." Where would we be if our noble men who enlisted with the first contingent had stopped to "consider," while the enemy poured on into the heart of Belgium and France?

O yes, I know that it is very hard to say "Go." It is much easier to say "Stay," but consider—would we honour and truly love our countrymen if they stayed at home in comfort, while poor, defenceless countries needed a brother's aid? I know you all say, "Oh, that's easier said than done." Yes, I agree with you; it is, but the British and American women have never failed as yet, and it is now up to us girls to show our true calibre. It is terribly hard not to be able to go "over there" and do our bit, but there are a thousand and one little ways here in which we can help. The boys need socks and mufflers and

wristlets, besides many little comforts that might be sent, such as a box now and then; and letters—they mean so much in the life of a soldier. Then too comes the Red Cross work. This takes a very important part in our lives, or if it doesn't, it should. The many bandages we can roll, and as we prepare them what pictures come before us! Those hospitals in France and Belgium—the rows and rows of narrow white cots, and the faces grim in stolid suffering. This alone,—to mention nothing of daily discomforts and fatigue in the trenches, should spur us on to help the cause.

And then a very great and very important thing we can do, though it is the hardest of all, is to send the boys off with a cheer! Don't forget it is the last impression of *you*, impressed on their minds, to carry into the unknown chance "over there." Even though you are struggling with grief and your heart seems breaking,—*smile*, and give them a hearty send-off. This is the picture the soldier will recall when sitting by a lonely camp-fire or doing "picket duty," in "No Man's Land."

No matter what anyone may say, I think it is harder for those who stay at home and wait, than for those who can face the fire. That may sound odd, but I have heard time and time again that the boys get so eager for action that they forget all anxiety in the excitement of the "supreme moment."

All that I can say further is that I would like to mention a little quotation for our Canadian girls here:

"For in the years to come it shall be told
How these laid down their lives, not for
their homes,
Their orchards, fields and cities. They
were driven

To slaughter by no tyrant's lust for
power.
Of their free manhood's choice they
crossed the sea
To save a stricken people from its foe:
They died for Justice—Justice owes
them this:

That what they died for be not over-
thrown."

As for America, I can only say, God
help her to give her *all*,—even as Canada
is doing.

The Faculty Play

On Saturday evening, April 20, great excitement was in the air, and the members of the Faculty wore a suppressed air of mystery, much to our curiosity.

At 8.30 however, our suspense was ended, and after we assembled in the concert hall, the Faculty enacted before our eyes the work of the immortal Dickens—David Copperfield.

The cast was as follows:

David Copperfield, Miss Brush; Clara Copperfield (David's mother), Miss Maxwell; Mr. Murdstone, Miss Gott; Jane Murdstone, Miss Rafter; Clara Peggotty, Miss Wallace; Dan'l Peggotty, Miss Gregory; Ham Peggotty, Miss Meath; Mr. Wickfield, Miss Meath; Agnes, Miss Phelps; Little Emily, Miss Phelps; Mrs. Gummidge, Miss Gibbard; Barkis, Miss Chantler; Janet, Miss Chantler; Steerforth, Miss Wright; Uriah Heep, Miss Emsley; Betsy Trotwood, Miss Thompson; Mr. Dick, Miss Shaw; Wilkins Micawber, Miss Walker; Mrs. Micawber, Miss Granger.

The characterization of these unique personalities was a revelation to us. Miss Brush, as young David, quite captured our hearts in this pathetic rôle, and our heartfelt sympathy went out to timid Mrs. Copperfield, who was so misunderstood and ill-treated by cruel Mr. Murdstone and his stern sister.

Little did we think that merely the brushing back of Miss Wright's locks would result in such a transformation or

that the addition of a red wig to Miss Emsley would give us a despicable villain, and this "'umble" person, Uriah Heep, will long live in our minds.

How we all longed to help Miss Trotwood keep the donkeys off her green, but we were rather skeptical about placing too much confidence in the sanity of Mr. Dick, as portrayed very humorously by Miss Shaw, whose kite was a work of art.

The very bashful Ham was quite justified in falling in love with sweet Emily. These talented players, Miss Meath and Miss Phelps, also portrayed the rôles of Mr. Wickfield and Agnes.

Miss Wallace endeared kind old Peggotty to our hearts as no one else could have done and by her inimitable drollery caused much merriment.

Everyone was greatly puzzled and experienced much difficulty in piercing the disguise of bluff but kind old Dan'l Peggotty.

Miss Gibbard's delineation of mournful, Mother Gummidge moved every heart to pity.

Intensely interested, we followed the extensive vocabulary of Mr. Micawber, who chose most inopportune moments to end his life. His overburdened wife, with her efforts at sympathy, too, attracted our interest.

The final turn of affairs made us leave with a sense of satisfaction that everything had happened which goes to make the happy ending.

Senior Dinner

One of our big social events took place on Friday evening, April 12th, namely, the Senior Dinner, which went off very successfully. The tables in the dining-room were tastefully decorated, and at each place was the evening's program. The school, excepting the graduating class, assembled in the common room. The girls all looked charming in their dainty evening frocks as they slowly filed into the dining-room to their appointed tables. When they were all in their places, amid a profound silence the Graduating Class marched in, led by Miss Thompson, who looked lovely in a gown of white net. When the Seniors took their places all sat down and did justice to a most delicious repast, of which the most conspicuous element was "chicken." When this had received its due share of attention, the second part

of the evening's program commenced. Mr. Farewell made an admirable toastmaster, and he began the toast program with a very appropriate speech and a toast to "The King." This was followed by a toast to the Alma Mater, by Ruth Dixon, to which Winifred Symington replied. Elnora McLelland then proposed a toast to "The Faculty," to which Miss Maxwell responded. To Helen Campbell's speech to the Seniors, Helen Millay, in the absence of Muriel Maw, Senior President, replied. Grace Linton then proposed a toast to the "Allied Hosts," and Marjory Ingles replied. After singing "Should Auld Acquaintance be Forgot," the common attention was turned to the autographing of the programs, after which the company dispersed.

May Day Festival

Pink and white blossoms, flowering plants, trees bursting into leaf, beautiful green grass, and lovely warm sunshine greeted us on the morning of our May Day celebration, and all doubts and fears as to the weather man's mood for our holiday were chased away by the cloudless sky and bright sun.

Promptly at 10.30 the school assembled in Lower Main Hall, and, the Seniors leading, marched into the Chapel, where the guests were already assembling.

Our Principal, Mr. Farewell, opened the meeting with a few words, and asked that we carry his motion that Dr. Hare should preside, which was done with a unanimous clapping of the hands. With a few kind words Dr. Hare introduced the speaker of the morning, Rev. Mr. Terryberry, of Toronto. His topic was the "Ideal Woman," and in a very interesting, humorous and forceful way, he gave us a message that called us to higher ideals and higher service. Sound

health, sound sense and sound character were the three great essentials he told us for the making of the "Ideal Woman."

After this stirring address, the voting for our May Queen took place, and on the first ballot, Lois Dixon, one of our sweetest and most beloved girls, was elected, with Georgian Smith a close second. After the ballots for Councillors had been counted it was found another vote would have to be taken. So on the second ballot Georgian Smith and Hellen Campbell were elected, much to the pleasure of everyone. The guests then adjourned to the lawn in front of the May Queen's Throne, and the entire school went through a grand march on the lawn, finishing by forming a guard of honor before the throne.

Our Queen, with her attendants, then approached, and was crowned by Mrs. (Rev.) Terryberry, and the pin was fastened on by Miss Homuth, a May Queen of former years. After this ceremony the Queen was enthroned in state, her

attendants being Winnifred Hambly and Anne Phillips, as cushion bearers, and Katheline Cox and Grace Britnell as train bearers.

Folk dances and the May Pole drill were performed for the pleasure of our Queen, and Irma Wigle delighted everybody with two Scotch dances. The morning exercises closed with the singing of "God Save the King."

Immediately after a delicious dinner the hay-racks were loaded, and off we started for a happy-go-lucky ride to the picnic grounds at the lake. The ride was most pleasant, and on arriving we found a lovely woods, with wild flowers in abundance. After gathering wild-flowers and skipping stones on the lake, we had a

lovely picnic supper, which was immensely enjoyed by all.

The hay-racks were loaded once more, and it was a very tired but happy crowd of girls that arrived at the college about half-past seven.

No one felt the least tired or sleepy, however, when it was rumored that the old girls who were our guests for the day were to sing and read to us in the drawing-room. Miss McCormick's reading took all our hearts by storm. Miss Homuth, with her beautiful voice, sang several songs, which made a delightful end to a wonderful day. May Day, 1918, will long remain in the minds of all who were present.

Parliamentary Club

During 1918 many interesting gatherings of the Parliamentary Club have been held, but perhaps the meeting of most interest was the one of three weeks ago, in which our Speaker, Miss M. Caswell, gave us an illustrated lecture. She took us with her on a wonderful journey from Montreal to Paris—through towns, up and down rivers and across lakes, ending finally in some of those marvellous buildings of Paris, a number of which are now a mass of ruins.

It was especially interesting at this time, as it brought us in very close touch with the war, and gave us some idea,—

although very slight,—in what a terrible state this country is being left.

Before the lecture we held our regular parliament, which was as instructive as usual, a splendid talk being given by our Governor-General on "The Constitutions of Britain, the United States, and Canada."

In the midst of this talk we were left in darkness, and until candles could be found it was very exciting. Fortunately, however, they came on just in time for our lecture, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We hope Miss Caswell will be able to present this at some later time.

ART

All passes, art alone

Enduring stays to us.

The Bust out-lasts the throne,

The coin, Tiberius.

The college grounds are especially beautiful these days. With budding trees and green grass the Art Class has

been able to do some choice bits of scenery.

The Art Club now holds its meetings out-of-doors, and instead of speeches the members make sketches. At first it was necessary for these human flowers to have the same protection as the plants

in the hot-bed. Landscape as seen from the shelter of a fence or building was sure to have the most admirers, but now

the sun entices these followers of Art far a-field.

—Y. W. C. A.—

Since Easter we have been greatly honored by our speakers at Chapel on Sunday evenings. Several of them have been messengers from foreign lands.

One of the Faculty, Miss Ball, read to us on Sunday, April 14th, and we were very much delighted to have this rare opportunity of listening to her. Miss Ball's selection was, "God of the Open Air," by Van Dyke. Helen Mil-lay, Helen Campbell and Felicia Holmes sang very pleasingly.

Dr. Hare, our Principal Emeritus, who has been visiting his former home for some time, preparing to remove to Florida, addressed the school on the evening of Sunday, April 21st. It is a great pleasure to the students to hear Dr. Hare, and we regret very much that it is necessary for him to withdraw from Whitby.

On Sunday, May 5th, the Rev. Mr. Denyes, of Norway House, Manitoba, spoke to us of the tremendous work which is being done among the Indians in the North-west, and of the urgent need for helpers in that part of our country.

A great number of the students and faculty being away over the week-end of May 12th, the students gathered in the drawing-room for the evening service. Miss Ball gave us a short talk on "The Prodigal Son," and a reading from Van Dyke, "Son of Man." Helen Mil-lay sang very charmingly.

On Sunday, May 19th, Miss Matheson, head of the University Settlement, Toronto, spoke to us of the special needs and opportunities of settlement work.

We found her address most interesting and instructive.

During the week-end of April 27th and 28th, a missionary conference was held under the auspices of the Association, which proved a great delight to all the students, and surpassed all expectations. The speakers, Miss Beatty and Miss Chapell and Miss Onomi, of Japan, and Dr. Smith, of India, arrived Saturday afternoon, and were received by Miss Maxwell, Mr. Farewell and the Cabinet. On Saturday evening a session was held in the Chapel, Miss Beatty and Dr. Smith giving us an outline of their work in Japan and India, illustrated with lantern views.

On Sunday morning a prayer meeting was held at nine o'clock, and at eleven, instead of going to town to church, we remained in the College and listened to Miss Chapell tell of her work in a girls' school in Japan. At the evening service Dr. Smith addressed us still further on India and his work there, to which he is very deeply attached. He pointed out vividly the enormous need of the people of that country.

The conference greatly enlightened us on a subject which we can never understand as we should without personal experience, and it is hoped that some of our girls will be enabled to give their help in a practical way to this great work, as a result of these sessions.

The final meeting of the Y.W.C.A. for this school year was held on Friday evening, May 31st, for election of two of the officers for next year. Miss Olive Tucker was elected as President, and Miss Helen Scott as Secretary, and the retir-

ing Cabinet feel that the work could not be left in more capable hands.

To Miss Wright, the advisory officer, and Miss Ruth Dixon, the efficient Pre-

sident of 1917-18, the Cabinet wish to offer their appreciation of their untiring efforts during this year.

Household Science

SENIOR AND JUNIOR.

Ever since our return from the Easter vacation, the Domestic Science classes, both Senior and Junior, have been having as it were one continuous banquet. The banquet began with the three meals served by each of the four Senior girls. These were what were called the every-day meals, as they had only three courses and were served informally. The girls took turns in acting as hostess, waitress, cook and assistant cook. The tables for these were pretty but of course simple in decoration. Both the faculty and students were favored with invitations to these.

As soon as these meals were served the Seniors planned their formal dinners. Each one took as before her place as hostess, waitress, etc. To these outside guests were invited.

The scheme of decoration for the first of our dinners was a butterfly design, which was very beautiful and dainty. For the second dinner, the colour scheme was mauve and rose, and a very handsome table it made. At this dinner the girls were very pleased to welcome back our former well-beloved teacher Miss

Scott, also one of our former class-mates, Elizabeth Knowles.

The third formal meal was a luncheon and was given in honor of Miss Maxwell's birthday. The colour scheme of pink and gold made very pretty birthday decoration, and to this luncheon we were pleased to welcome two of our town friends, Miss Warren and Miss Donaldson.

A very pretty finish was given to our dinners and luncheon by our fourth classmate, who took for her colour scheme the red, white and blue. Her menu, as well as all her decorations, was truly patriotic. This fourth meal closed the banquet of sixteen meals for the Senior class.

Between the Senior dinners the Juniors served their formal luncheons. This class deserves great credit. They not only worked out the cost and the colour scheme, but also acted in turns as hostess, waitress and cook. Their tables were very beautiful, and all who were favored by invitations to partake of these luncheons were greatly pleased with the success of our Junior class.

Exchanges

"Vox Lycei" of the Hamilton Collegiate Institute was a new and most welcome exchange this month. It is a very complete magazine of all phases of school

life. It was read with great interest, especially by the Hamilton girls who have pleasant recollections of the days spent at H. C. I.

Our Western visitor, "Vox Wesleyana," is especially good in its Convocation number. The 1918 class song was very attractive.

"Musical Canada" finds its way regu-

larly to the common room table. It is read with interest by many of our students, who are looking forward to musical careers.

Athletics

During this glorious weather indoor sports seem almost impossible, but our girls really have put their hearts into athletics, and now that tennis and baseball have begun, they will be even more enthusiastic.

Basketball was in full swing for a number of months, and during that time a fine tournament was played, the game of about three weeks ago making the decision. "The Greens" were the successful ones, but it was thought a crime to give a banquet this year, so the money which was to be used for that purpose is now to be given to the Red Cross. A game was arranged with St. Margaret's College, but, much to our disappointment, we found it impossible to set a day. However, we will look forward to their return game next year.

As many girls have now signed up for the tennis tournament, a number of exciting games are in view within the next nineteen days. A silver Athletic "A" will be presented to the winner of the

singles. We do hope the weather man will be kind to us in these last few days at college.

Baseball, too, is a game in which the girls delight, and a very good team is promised after only a few practices. Not much has been made of baseball at O.L.C., but we are hoping that after this year it will become one of the most popular sports.

The swimming tank always has a great attraction, and the girls are continuing their earnest efforts and are now all splendid sports in the water—diving, plunging and other tricks not bothering any of them now. We are looking forward to our "Day in the Tank," when they may be shown off to full advantage.

The folk-dancing class has also done exceptionally well. Their exhibition on the 24th was enjoyed by many town people, beside their own fellow students, and through this column in Vox we wish to thank Miss Walker for the hours she kindly spent in their preparation.

Fireside Notes

The week-end of May 3rd we were very glad to see Lorna Hazel and Norma Henderson. Lorna was the guest of Beth Griffin, and Norma visited her room-mates.

On Saturday, May 4, Helen Scott was pleasantly surprised by a visit from her family. Vivian Alcock and Helen motored back to the city with them.

On May 3rd Miss Emsley chaperoned the Zeta Phi Mu Club to Martin's for dinner.

Olive Lampman was home for the week-end.

April 27th, Hazel Taylor, Adelaide Stenning, Helen Scott and Helen Ward spent the day in the city.

Toronto saw a number of the girls dur-

ing the week-end of May 10th. Helen Partridge visited Lucille and Marjorie Inglis; Felicia Holmes, Marjorie and Helen DePencier, Winnifred Hambly, Muriel Maw and Lila Willinsky,* also Miss Maxwell and Miss Gott.

Morden Busby, Hazel Taylor and Helen Ward were the guests of Muriel Foster, of Hamilton, for the week-end.

May 11, Ruth and Lois Dixon, Jeanette Higginbotham and Lucy Robertson spent the day in Toronto.

May 4, Clara Underhill, Ethel Gimmel, Irma Wigle and Loretta Irwin spent the day in Toronto.

May 3rd., Jean Leskenby, was welcomed back after a ten days' absence.

May 3rd, the Juniors gave their annual concert in the form of a minstrel show, which was very carefully prepared by Helen Campbell. Everyone enjoyed it immensely, the Seniors just as much as the rest, as they were initiated.

May 13th, Beth Griffin and Grace Sykes started work on the O.L.C. farm.

Grace Linton is working on her uncle's farm.

Dorothy McLaughlin and the Lukes twins, from Oshawa, visited Miss Emsley for the Junior concert.

We are all very proud of Georgian Smith and Miss Meath, who were so successful while giving their recital in May. Mildred Carse went to Toronto for Georgian's recital, then went home for the week-end.

The Faculty Play and Senior Concert were both a great success. An account of each will be found in another column.

Elizabeth Walls was home for a few days to get rested before examinations.

Several of the girls, including Helen Campbell, Helen Millay, Vivian Acock, Rena Thomas, Miss Meath, Georgian Smith, Grace Sykes, Winifred Symington, Dorothy Follett, took part in the program at the Heliconian Club Rooms, the proceeds of which are to be used to help pay for the new floor in the Reception Room.

The following girls spent the week-end in Toronto: Ruth Shipman, Marian Caswell, Hazel Taylor, Helen Scott, Florence McGillivray and Margaret Blaisdale.

On Saturday Elizabeth Walls, Ruth Dixon, Clara Underhill, Loretta Irwin, Vida Luno and Miss Chantler spent the day in Toronto.

Miss Walker, Marcell Smith, Beatrice Lukes, Helen Scott and Hazel Taylor, tried their Award of Merit examination on Friday, May 17th.

Olive Lampman was greatly envied when she motored to Toronto on Saturday.

We were very glad to have Katherine McCormick, Kathleen Smith, Jean Hamilton, Elizabeth Knowles, Marguerite Homuth, Miss Lang, Miss Scott, Miss Follick and Miss Lewis with us over the 24th.

An account of the May-Day exercises will be found in another column.

Grace Sykes motored to Toronto on Saturday, 25th.

Beatrice Lukes was made very happy by a visit from her cousin, Mr. Henderson.

We are all rejoicing with Miss Emsley over the unexpected return of her mother and father from England. They are both in splendid health. All of us are looking forward to meeting Mr. and Mrs. Emsley May 4th.

Miss Hazel Hughes, of Toronto, visited Marion Caswell.

Sunday evening, May 26, we all went in a division to the Methodist Church, where Dr. Hare delivered his farewell sermon. We are all sorry we cannot each express our thoughts to Dr. Hare, but we are sure he understands. And we send with him best wishes for Mrs. Hare's speedy recovery, and that they may both be back in Whitby some time to revisit their many friends.

The Domestic Science girls are rarely seen in the dining-room on account of their meals. We wish them all success with their work.

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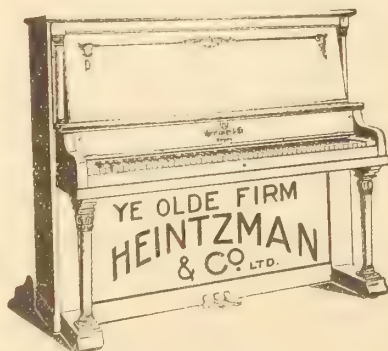
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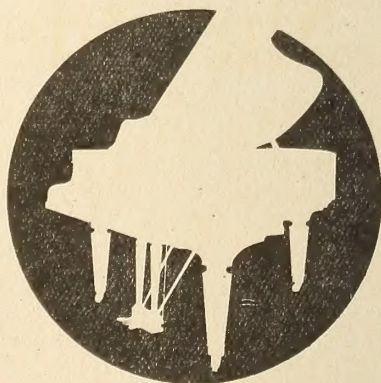
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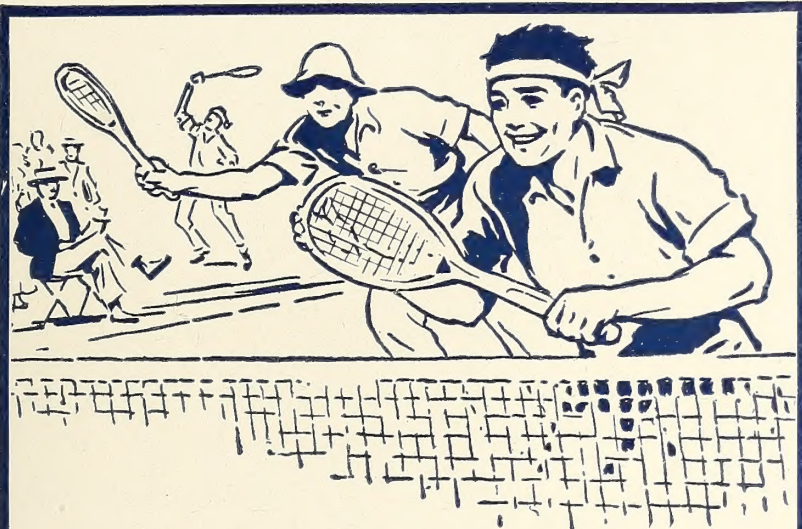
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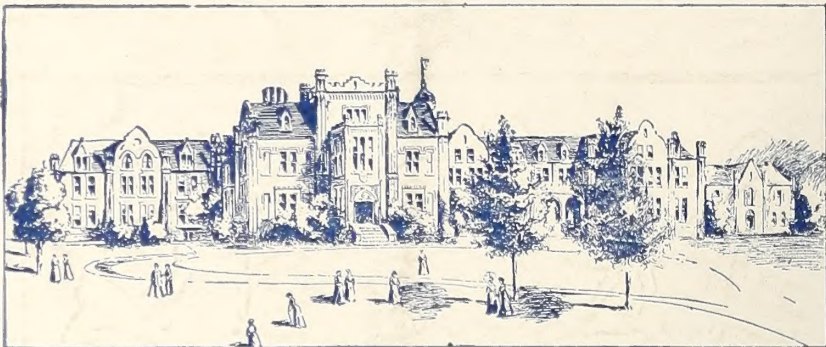
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